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Sirs/Mesdames;

The proposed Microsoft Settlement is a bad one: it offers Microsoft a way out of their obligation to obey the law; it provides for punishment that is meaningless to Microsoft -- indeed, gives them an opportunity to look like good guys! -- and allows, by government edict, the introduction of Microsoft products to the very classrooms where they have had little success, primarily because they have had little interest in serving a low-bid market.

Why is the government becoming Microsoft's marketing pimps??

Do not allow this Settlement to become final. Determine the actual losses Microsoft has incurred on its competitors by burying their products with anti-competitive contracts and then put that money into R&D efforts for the Open Source Foundation, or other such entities trying to develop other software for use by business.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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"Of course it's hard; it's supposed to be hard. If it were easy everyone would do it -- and then it wouldn't be any fun!"